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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



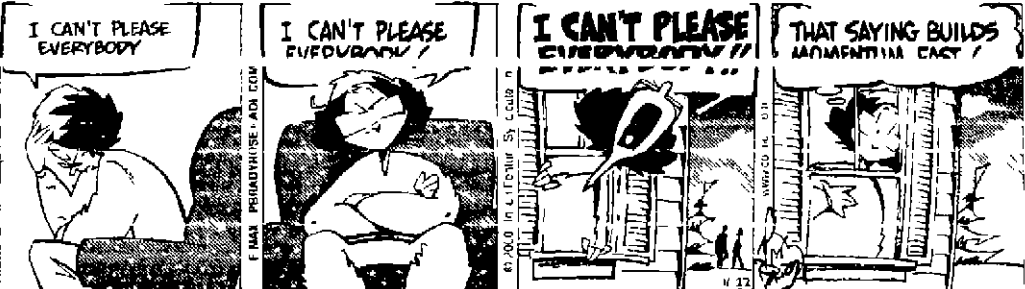
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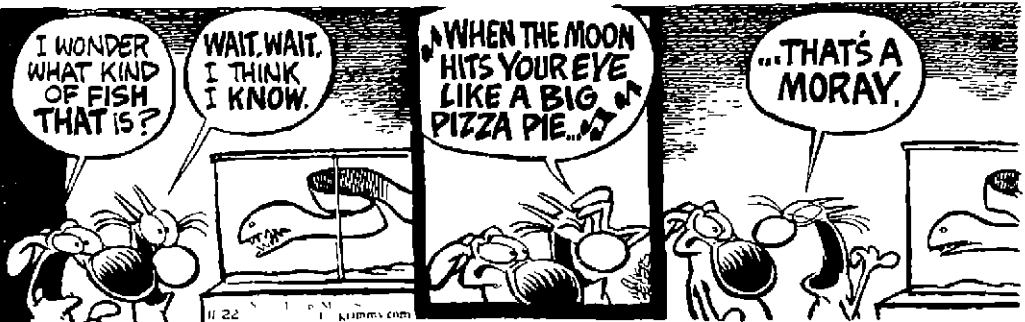
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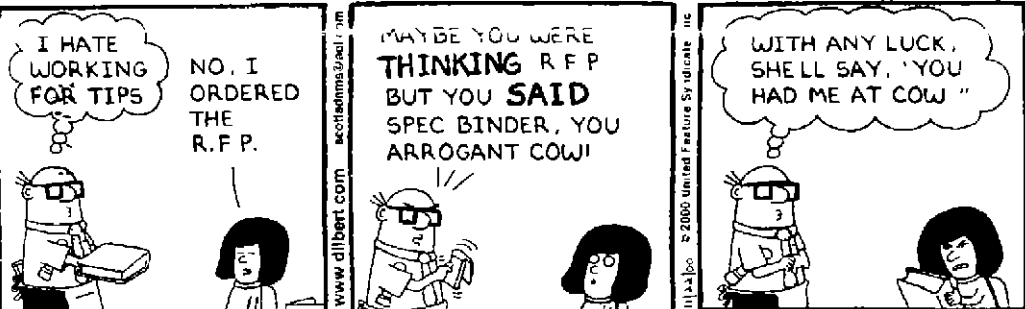
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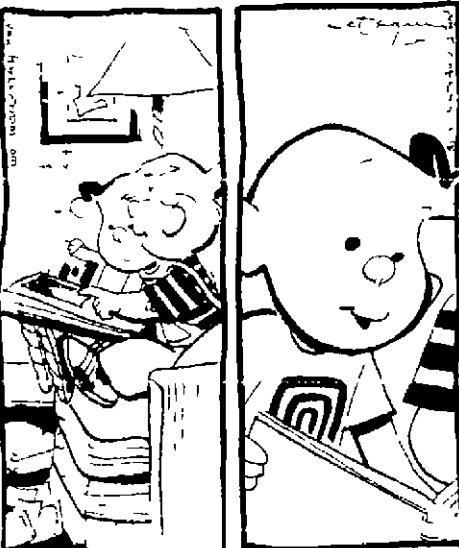
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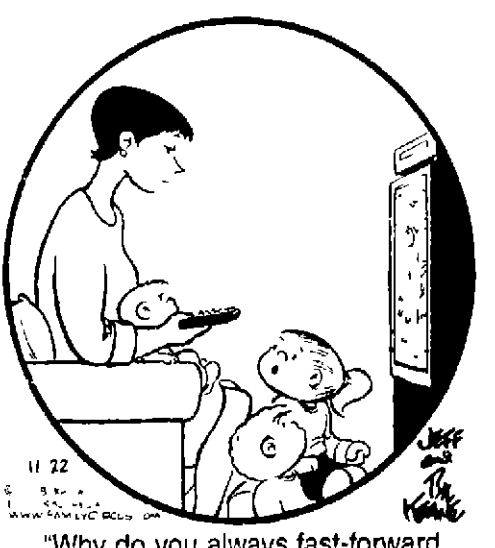
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield is 79
Movie director Arthur Hiller is 77
Actor Robert Vaughn is 68
Actor Michael Callan is 65
Actor Allen Garfield is 61
Tennis player Billie Jean King is 57
Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads Talking Heads The Tom Club) is 50
Baseball player Greg Luzinski is 50
Actor Richard Kind is 44
Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 42

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 85-95
BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points to each word using the point value. On a night 7 to 10 on a 50 point bonus. Banks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster 1st ed. © 2001 Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) © 2001 J & W of New York, Inc.)

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WORD SLEUTH

THINGS USED TO CARRY OTHER THINGS

B N K I F C Z T W U R P M J H
E L E H C T A S E C Z X U S E
Q N L S E R J A G K K E C S Z
X V T K A U Y D R P C M R N L
J H C R E C C D A Y A U W V T
R O P N E K F L D I P L B K I
P G E C C L B E L A K Z X W
S R P A O M I B I H C U O P L
J I S G E D A A B R A A Y X W
U T S Q P G O G R N B O X L K
J H G F D C Y A R T E L L A W

Tuesday's unlisted clue: BOBBIN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: A HANDBAG

Backpack Caddy Sack Tray
Box Mailbag Saddlebag Truck
Briefcase Pocket Satchel Wallet
Bucket Pouch Trailer

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The world is a big and scary place right now. Never mind, a serious upswing is in the offing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Start planning for the out come that you desire — be it in business or love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your focus on attention to detail is at an all-time high.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Suddenly you are visible in all the right places and at all the right times.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You will find it easiest if you discover a series of reasons to isolate yourself in your den.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Romance is in the air, and you'll find yourself surrendering happily to the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be wary of making major purchases until you have shopped around a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Surrender yourself to the whims of the universe and the delightful experiences that will occur.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't worry, your old sparkle will soon creep back into a currently bleak demeanor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Only when armed with adequate information will you truly be ready to make a move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Doing something utterly spontaneous will turn your entire next week around.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Good deeds bear even richer rewards than you imagined.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Look at the West cards without looking at the bidding diagram. What would you lead against four hearts? In a poll with no knowledge of the bidding, 98 percent would choose to lead the club king against four hearts. Other choices reflect suspicion of a trick question. Now, look at the bidding diagram. What can we learn by "listening" closely? North has advertised a very weak hand with seven clubs, and South introduces his diamond suit despite that message. Clearly, South has a fine red two-suiter. North takes a preference to hearts, and South continues on to game. If West leads anything other than a trump, South wins the first trick, cashes his top diamonds, and ruffs a diamond. Then he discards a spade on dummy's club ace. This leaves only two trump winners for the defense, and South makes an overtrick. Why should West lead the ace and another heart? With North short in diamonds, West's aim is to prevent a diamond ruff in dummy. The payoff comes when East has the heart king (the diamond king would also suffice) and South is denied a diamond ruff in dummy. South never gets to use the club ace, and a well-judged opening lead beats the game.

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

Very weak extra long clubs
Opening lead: ♠

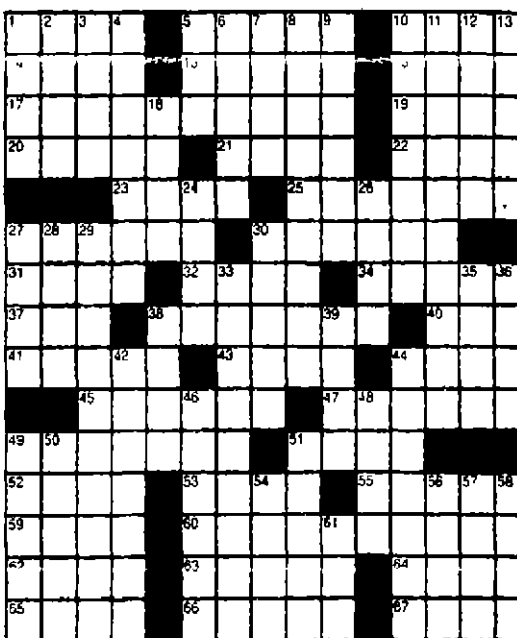
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 101

- ACROSS**
- Vaulted space
 - Go door to door, perhaps
 - Quisling's city
 - Spring, maybe
 - Freezer brand
 - Conversant with
 - Jury members meditate?
 - Salts
 - ___ fraiche
 - Try for a part
 - Cremona cabbage
 - Gutter neighbor
 - Presidential appointees
 - Ask, as for aid
 - Phil Esposito and teammates
 - Touch on
 - Edible root
 - Place for a pickup
 - The Eagle that landed
 - It starts in seven days
 - Foreman's superior
 - "Time in a Bottle" singer
 - Love ___
 - Bearing
 - Gone bad
 - Mean
 - On the block
 - Nordstrom rival
 - Start of a break-in
 - Start of a Christmas song
 - Judi Danich, for one
 - Posed among fancy sheets?
 - Snowdail
 - Ruler of Hades
 - Storage cylinder
 - Pencil holders, sometimes
 - More knavish
 - Clucking sounds
- DOWN**
- Current choice
 - Robin's beneficiaries
 - 8 1/2, e.g.
 - Nickel, but not dime
 - Heel
 - Love, Italian-style
 - Level
 - Apse location today
 - Four-wheeled carnage
 - Silhouette, essentially
 - Resort on the Costa del Sol?
 - "M" star
 - Get-go
 - Straight up
 - Stand up and be counted
 - Presidential runs
 - One end of the Moha's scale
 - Over in Berlin
 - Gossipy bartender's choices?
 - Produce in a reactor

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BORG SPAR CHEW
OKAY SCENE RACE
MRS. MOTHING IRON
BAH ARE ALLIUMT
IMANE SEE
AFAREWELL TO ARMS
OLDER TIBE NOAH
REA AUNPORT NRA
TENS NEO HODIN
AT OUCH OF THE POET
LET PRONY
HAPLESS USC MAY
ALAI HELENHAYES
LOVE AMATI URAL
FEED YITO KALE



- Puzzle by Greg Staples
- Best Picture of 1977
 - Bout ends, in brief
 - Falstaff, in a way
 - Name on Tara's deed
 - Clobber, biblically
 - Pincushion alternative
 - Miss ___ of Scotland
 - Draw out
 - Grandson of Adam
 - Swe neighbor

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